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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open south and east of a line from the southernmost tip of California Head to Spire Island Light to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°20.88' N. latitude, 131°51.85' W. longitude (located on the westernmost tip of an unnamed island immediately south of Grant Cove) then due west to the District 2 boundary line with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Brunn Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Moth Point to the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude, 131°19.04' W. longitude;

Tongass Narrows: all waters will be closed.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: will be closed **south of the southernmost tip of Chasina Island located at 55°16.42' N. latitude;**

Cleveland Peninsula: **will be closed within one and one half nautical miles of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline;**

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

Moir Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Prince of Wales Island shore: will be closed within two nautical miles north of the southern entrance of Windfall Harbor located at 55°35.92' N. latitude, 132°20.26' W. longitude.

District 3

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 18, 2012:**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Point Desconocida to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Amargura to the northernmost tip of Point Congrejo.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point to Shoe Island Light to Datzkoo Point;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Hetta Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Round Point with the exception of an open area south of the northernmost tip of Dell Island and north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Jumbo Island;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed south of 54°57.20' N. latitude (the southernmost entrance to Max Cove);

Max Cove: will be closed in all waters;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of 55°06.00' N. latitude;

Tlevak Strait: will be closed north of the latitude of Round Point.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda.

Section 3-C: will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 6:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 6-D: will be open in the following area:

Mosman Inlet, McHenry Inlet and contiguous waters will be open **north of line from Point Stanhope to Quartz Rock** with the following restrictions:

Burnett Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude and east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Fawn Island;

Mosman Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Marble Point.

Prince of Wales Island shoreline: **will be closed.**

District 7:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 7-B: will be open.

District 9:

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 9-B: Tebenkof Bay will be open east of a line from Point Ellis to Swaine Point.

District 12

Hidden Falls THA: **will be closed.**

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 19, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open north of 57°32.86' N. latitude and east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.37' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Salisbury Sound: will be open **east of the longitude of Kalinin Point and south of the latitude of Kakul Rock Light** with the following restrictions:

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to The Twins Light to the southernmost tip of **Cannon Island**;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Katlian Bay: will be closed east of 135°18.13' W. longitude.

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: will be open east of 135°16.00' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Northwesternmost arm of West Crawfish Inlet: will be closed north of 56°50.68' N. latitude;

Northeasternmost arm of West Crawfish Inlet: will be closed northeast of a line from 56°50.81' N. latitude, 135°07.51' W. longitude to 56°50.65' N. latitude, 135°07.25' W. longitude.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Cumulative regional seine harvest of pink salmon is now estimated at 14.9 million fish including harvests of 2.8 million from the August 14-15 fishing period.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Monday, August 20.**

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6912.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 33							
Preliminary Estimates compiled August 16, 2012							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	25	500	2,500	180,000	11,000	194,025	25
District 2	30	750	5,000	550,000	20,000	575,780	45
District 3	30	800	3,000	350,000	9,000	362,830	25
District 4	500	8,000	11,000	1,700,000	45,000	1,764,500	95
Section 13-B	9	10	35	24,000	17,000	41,054	9
Deep Inlet THA	5	15	40	11,000	30,000	41,060	9
	594	10,060	21,535	2,804,000	102,000	2,938,189	199
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	1	20	100	7,200	440	7,761	
District 2	1	17	111	12,222	444	12,795	
District 3	1	32	120	14,000	360	14,513	
District 4	5	84	116	17,895	474	18,574	
Section 13-B	1	1	4	2,667	1,889	4,562	
Sections 6-D, 7-B, 9-B and 13-A: confidential.							
Hidden Falls: No reported harvest.							

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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